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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, MT

SUBJECT: CALL FOR OFFSHORE OIL PRODUCTION LICENSE APPLICATIONS

FOR INTERIOR

REF: VALLETTA A-24, JANUARY 30, 1973

1. IN VIEW OF CURRENT US INTEREST, FOLLOWING GOM ANNOUNCEMENT ON SUBJECT SUBMITTED TELEGRAPHICALLY. SEE REFAIR FOR US COMPANIES BELIEVED TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN OIL EXPLORATION OFF MALTA.

2. BEGIN TEXT. FOR THE PURPOSES OF REGULATION 4 OF THE PETROLEUM (PRODUCTION) REGULATIONS, 1969, THE PRIME MINISTER HEREBY NOTIFIES THAT HE IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE BETWEEN 10:00 A. M. ON MAY 2 ND 1973 AND 1:00 P. M. ON AUGUST 2 ND 1973 APPLICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAID REGULATIONS FOR PRODUCTION LICENSES IN RESPECT OF THE AREA OFFSHORE SOUTH OF MALTA, CONSISTING OF SIXTEEN BLOCKS TO WHICH THE NUMBERS SPECIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE TO THIS NOTICE HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED, DESCRIBED IN THE SAID
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SCHEDULE AND SHOWN ON A MAP DEPOSITED AT THE OIL DIVISION, MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, MERCHANTS STREET, VALLETTA, MALTA. THE MAP MAY BE INSPECTED ON REQUEST BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:30 A. M. AND 12:30 P. M. EXCEPT ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. IN CONSIDERING ANY APPLICATION THE PRIME MINISTER WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE DAY ON WHICH IT WAS RECEIVED.

3. APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED FOR ANY NUMBER OF BLOCKS. TO ASSIST THE PRIME MINISTER IN CONSIDERING THE APPLICATIONS, APPLICANTS ARE, HOWEVER, INVITED TO INDICATE THE DEGREE OF PREFERENCE WHICH THEY ATTACH TO EACH BLOCK TO WHICH THEIR APPLICATION RELATES.

4. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE BASIC CONSIDERATIONS WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAS DECIDED TO REQUIRE IN RESPECT OF LICENSES GRANTED IN RESPONSE TO APPLICATIONS:

(I) AN ANNUAL RENTAL:

(A) ON SIGNATURE CALCULATED AT THE RATE OF FOUR MALTESE POUNDS (4) PER SQUARE KILOMETRE; AND

(B) UPON EACH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE LICENSE AND DURING THE CONTINUANCE THEREOF IN RESPECT OF THE PERIODS HEREIN UNDERMENTIONED CALCULATED PER SQUARE KILOMETRE OF THE AREA RETAINED AS SET OUT HEREUNDER:

YEARS	RATE
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2 TO 3	MALTA POUNDS 4 PER SQ. KILOMETRE
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4 " 6	MALTA POUNDS 8 PER SQ. KILOMETRE
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7 " 10	MALTA POUNDS 16 PER SQ. KILOMETRE
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11 " 13	MALTA POUNDS 32 PER SQ. KILOMETRE
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14 " 16	MALTA POUNDS 64 PER SQ. KILOMETRE
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17 " 19	MALTA POUNDS 96 PER SQ. KILOMETRE
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20 " 22	MALTA POUNDS 128 PER SQ. KILOMETRE
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23 " 25	MALTA POUNDS 160 PER SQ. KILOMETRE
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26 " 30	MALTA POUNDS 192 PER SQ. KILOMETRE
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AFTER 30 YEARS AND UP TO 30 YEARS AFTER
THE DATE ON WHICH THE OPTION UNDER CLAUSE 6
OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF THE PETROLEUM
(PRODUCTION) REGULATIONS, 1969 WAS
EXERCISED. MALTA POUNDS 200 PER SQ. KILOMETRE

(II) A MINIMUM ROYALTY EQUAL TO 12 1/2 PERCENT OF THE
POSTED PRICES OF CRUDE OIL PRODUCED AND SAVED IN THE
CONCESSION AREA.

APPLICANTS ARE EXPECTED TO INDICATE:

(A) THE MINIMUM AMOUNTS THEY ARE WILL AND ABLE TO
SPEND ON PROSPECTING, EXPLORATION, DRILLING OR DEVELOPMENT OF THE
PETROLEUM RESOURCES IN THEIR CONCESSION AREA DURING THE TEN
YEARS REFERRED TO IN CLAUSE 3 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF THE
PETROLEUM (PRODUCTION) REGULATIONS, 1969 ;

(B) THE NUMBER AND DEPTH OR THE AGGREGATE DEPTH OF
WELLS TO BE DRILLED DURING THE EXPLORATION PERIOD;

(C) THE TIME WITHIN WHICH THEY ARE WILLING AND ABLE
TO COMMENCE DRILLING A FIRST TEST WELL, SUCH PERIOD NOT TO
EXCEED TWENTY FOUR (24) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE GRANT
OF THE LICENCE;

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(D) THE AMOUNT OF SIGNATURE AND/ OR PRODUCTION
BONUSES TO BE PAID TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA; AND

(E) SPECIAL FINANCIAL FORMULAE PROVIDING ESCALATING
SCALES OF CARRIED INTEREST APPLICABLE AT VARIOUS STAGES OF
PRODUCTION.

5. APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF APPLICANTS PURCHASE
THE DATA FROM A RECENT SEISMIC SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE AREA
ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA.

6. THE ATTENTION OF APPLICANTS IS PARTICULARLY DRAWN TO THE
FOLLOWING FACTS:

(A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING ROYALTIES AND
INCOME TAX, VALUES WILL BE ASSESS ACCORDING TO APPLICABLE
" POSTED PRICES";

(B) ROYALTIES WILL BE EXPENSED BUT NOT BE REGARDED
AS PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF TAX;

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(C) FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES, A COMPANY TO WHICH MORE
THAN ONE LICENCE IS GRANTED SHALL BE DEEMED TO CONSTITUTE AS
MANY PERSONS SUBJECT TO TAX AS THE NUMBER OF LICENCES IT
ENJOYS.

7. SCHEDULE

OPEN FOR APPLICATION FOR PRODUCTION LICENCES

A. BLOCK 1 DEGREES MINUTES SECONDS

A B C D

A: 35 23 6 N

14 50 5 E

B: 35 23 6 N

15 18 1 E

C: 35 06 7 N

15 18 1 E

D: 35 06 7 N

14 50 5 E

B. BLOCK 2

D G F E

D: 35 06 7 N

14 50 5 N

G: 35 06 7 N

15 11 8 E

F: 34 43 4 N

15 11 8 E

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E: 34 43 4 N

14 50 5 E

C. BLOCK 3

G H I J

G: 35 06 7 N

15 11 8 E

H: 35 06 7 N

15 33 5 E

I: 34 55 N

15 33 5 N

J: 34 55 N

15 11 8 E

D. BLOCK 4

J I K F

J: 34 55 N

15 11 8 E

I: 34 55 N

15 33 5 E

K: 34 43 4 N

15 33 5 E

F: 34 43 4 N

15 11 8 E

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E. BLOCK 5

H M L K

H: 35 06 7 N

15 33 5 E

M: 35 06 7 N

15 54 E

L: 34 43 4 N

15 54 E

K: 34 43 4 N

15 33 5 E

F. BLOCK 6

N O P L

N: 35 02 1 N

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15 54 E

O: 35 02 1 N

16 26 E

P: 34 43 4 N

16 26 E

L: 34 43 4 N

15 54 E

G. BLOCK 7

Q T S R

Q: 34 43 4 N

14 07 5 E

T: 34 43 4 N

14 27 1 E

S: 34 27 2 N

14 27 1 E

R: 34 27 2 N

14 07 5 E

H. BLOCK 8

T U V S

T: 34 43 4 N

14 27 1 E

U: 34 43 4 N

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15 03 3 E

V: 34 27 2 N

15 03 3 E

S S: 34 27 2 N

14 27 1 E

I. BLOCK 9

U X W V

U: 34 43 4 N

15 03 3 E

X: 34 43 4 N

15 23 3 E

W: 34 27 2 N

15 23 3 E

V: 34 27 2 N

15 03 3 E

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J. BLOCK 10

X Y Z W

X: 34 43 4 N

15 23 3 E

Y: 34 43 4 N

15 42 7 E

Z: 34 27 2 N

15 42 7 E

W: 34 27 2 N

15 23 3 E

K. BLOCK 11

Y AA AB Z

Y: 34 43 4 N

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15 42 7 E

AA: 34 43 4 N

16 07 4 E

AB: 34 27 2 N

15 59 5 E

Z: 34 27 2 N

15 42 7 E

L. BLOCK 12

R S AD AC

R: 34 27 2 N

14 07 5 E

S: 34 27 2 N

14 27 1 E

AD: 34 15 5 N

14 27 1 E

AC: 34 17 1 N

14 07 5 E

M. BLOCK 13

S AF AE AD

S: 34 27 2 N

14 27 1 E

AF: 34 27 2 N

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14 5 6 1 E

AE: 34 13 2 N

14 56 1 E

AD: 34 15 5 N

14 27 1 E

N. BLOCK 14

AF AG AH AE

AF: 34 27 2 N

14 56 1 E

AG: 34 27 2 N

15 13 E

AH: 34 12 2 N

15 13 E

AE: 34 13 2 N

14 56 1 E

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O. BLOCK 15

AG AJ AI AH

AG: 34 27 2 N

15 13 E

AJ: 34 27 2 N

15 30 E

AI: 34 12 N

15 30 E

AH: 34 12 2 N

15 13 E

P. BLOCK 16

AJ AB AK AI

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AJ: 34 27 2 N

15 30 E

AB: 34 27 2 E

15 59 5 E

AK: 34 14 2 N

15 52 9 E

AI: 34 12 N

15 30 E

8. THE AREAS OF BLOCKS 12, 13, 14, 15 AND 16 ARE SUBJECT TO
ALTERATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF ANY AGREEMENT ON THE MEDIAN LINE
BETWEEN MALTA AND THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC.

END TEXT. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT. GETZ

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Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
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Decaption Note:
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Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: cunninfx
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Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
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